

The order of the King in Council, appears from the following report:—

“AT THE COURT AT THE QUEEN’S PALACE.

*The 15th of February, 1809.*

Present: The King’s Most Excellent Majesty,† Lord Chancellor, Lord Chamberlain, Lord President, Lord Privy Seal, Duke of Montrose, Lord Steward, Earl of Liverpool, Lord Mulgrave, Viscount Castlereagh, Mr. Secretary Canning.

WHEREAS there was this day read at the Board a Report from the Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Council for hearing Appeals from the Plantations, etc., dated the 9th of this Instant in the Words following, viz.:

[Report of Committee copied and inserted.]

HIS MAJESTY having taken the said report into consideration, was pleased by and with the advice of His Privy Council to approve thereof, and to order, as it is hereby ordered, that the same be duly and punctually complied with, and carried into execution; Whereof the Governor or Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Upper Canada for the time being, and all others whom it may concern, are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.”

Mr. Justice Thorpe was persona grata with the Radical party; and was, not long after, cashiered by the Lieutenant-Governor, Francis Gore, by the direction of the Colonial Secretary. This was in November, 1807. Mr. Justice Powell subsequently became Chief Justice of Upper Canada, and survived until 1831.

WILLIAM RENWICK RIDDELL.

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†The Lord Chancellor at the time was Lord Eldon; Viscount Castlereagh was the noted Castlereagh so much cursed by patriotic Irishmen. Mr. Secretary Canning was the Canning. He was at the time Foreign Secretary, but was not wholly satisfied with the policy of the government. The trouble became acute later on in 1809. Canning fought a duel with Castlereagh and resigned September, 1809.